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House votes up ante for battle on drugs, freezes Radio Marti

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The House yesterday rejected Reagan administration attempts to eliminate economic development and legal services programs, but decided to provide more money than requested for programs to fight drugs and terrorism.

It also voted to freeze funding for Radio Marti, which started 24-hour broadcasts to Cuba from the United States in May, at \$8.5 million — \$2.7 million less than requested.

The House also voted 302-116 to withhold \$20 million from its contributions to the United Nations to protest what intelligence sources say is a \$20 million kickback to the Soviet Union from its employees there, cutting the U.N. contribution in the bill to \$460 million.

The approximately 800 Soviets employed at the United Nations turn over their salaries to the Soviet government and are paid at lower Soviet civil service ratings, according to a May 1985 Senate Intelligence Committee report.

"A vote for my amendment is a vote to end the subsidizing ... of KGB and GRU activities originating from the United Nations," said Rep. Eldon Rudd, R-Ariz., who sponsored the amendment.

The House also voted to cut \$95 million from the Small Business Administration's funds for business loans and investment.

The House action came on a \$12 billion 1986 appropriations bill for the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce and the federal courts.

The measure, in which the House is moving ahead to appropriate money for 1986 while budget conferees continue to struggle over a deficit-reduction package, passed 273-136.

The bill provides some \$305 million to continue the Legal Services Corporation program, which the Reagan administration wanted to eliminate.

An amendment by Rep. Michael DeWine, R-Ohio, that would prohibit the Legal Services Corporation from using funds for any abortion litigation, passed on a voice vote.

The House provided \$8.47 million more than the president requested for the FBI, and earmarked the money for counter-terrorism programs, and provided \$7.75 million more than requested to the Drug Enforcement Administration to battle illegal drugs.

The bill provides \$180 million for economic development assistance program through the Economic Development Administration, and an amendment to eliminate those funds by Rep. Robert Walker, R-Pa., failed 315-98.

The House included \$70.3 million for the juvenile justice and delinquency program in the Department of Justice, which the administration had targeted for elimination.